



General Assembly

January Session, 2013

***Raised Bill No. 6502***

LCO No. 3753



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
PARAPROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-155k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 The Commissioner of Education shall establish a School  
4 Paraprofessional Advisory Council consisting of (1) one representative  
5 from each state-wide bargaining representative organization that  
6 represents school paraprofessionals with instructional responsibilities,  
7 (2) one representative from each of the exclusive bargaining units for  
8 certified employees, chosen pursuant to section 10-153b, (3) the most  
9 recent recipient of the Connecticut Paraprofessional of the Year award,  
10 (4) two representatives from the regional educational service centers,  
11 appointed by the Commissioner of Education, and (5) a school  
12 administrator, appointed by the Connecticut Federation of School  
13 Administrators. The council shall hold quarterly meetings and  
14 [annually] advise, at least quarterly, the Commissioner of Education,  
15 or the commissioner's designee, of the needs for (A) professional

16 development and the training of [such] paraprofessionals and the  
17 effectiveness of the content and the delivery of existing training for  
18 such paraprofessionals, (B) appropriate staffing strategies for  
19 paraprofessionals, and (C) other relevant issues relating to  
20 paraprofessionals. The council shall report, annually, in accordance  
21 with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the recommendations given to  
22 the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, pursuant to the  
23 provisions of this section, to the joint standing committee of the  
24 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2013	10-155k
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To expand the membership and responsibilities of the School Paraprofessional Advisory Council.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*